

OGMCOAL - Fwd: South Fork Quitchupah 2R2S Block meeting with Fishlake Forest Service

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James,

I am forwarding this to you because it addresses the mutual deficiency we had regarding an up-front mitigation plan.

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Meeting notes from the South Fork Quitchupah 2R2S Block Amendment meeting to discuss the Division deficiency response item #7 to address the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Colorado Fish Recovery Program consultation.

Attendees:

Fishlake Forest Service; Allen Rowley, Jason Kling, Diane Freeman, Jim Whelan
Division Oil, Gas & Mining; Joe Helfrich
Sufco Mine; Mike Davis

Jim Whelan has contacted the Fish and Wildlife Service on this area proposed to be mined and it appeared that this area is above where the Colorado Fish Recovery Program affected species are located in the stream. The Forest Service will get a letter from the Fish and Wildlife Service addressing this issue. When the Forest Service gets this letter they will send the Division a copy of the letter along with a letter of concurrence. This should resolve this deficiency.

Other items that were also discussed at this meeting were:

- 1) Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for flows & water replacement, subsidence, vegetation and aquatic wildlife.

Forest Service suggested improvements to the mitigation plan included

breaking out the phases of the mitigation options proposed (Plan A, Plan B, etc.) and to include the probability of success of each phase for restoring flows to the stream. The Forest Service didn't see a water replacement contingency plan in the amendment and a discussion followed that a water replacement plan was already in place in the MRP in another section of the permit. It was suggested that we make up a monitoring and mitigation plan separate document that combines all the separate sections in the MRP (Hydrological, Subsidence, Water Rights Replacement, Biology and Vegetation) into one document to help clarification for people that are not as familiar with the MRP like what was done for the East Fork of Box and added as an appendix to the MRP. The benefit or importance of an Aquatic Wildlife study was discussed and Jim Whelan suggested that it might be a good idea to take a sample before mining in case someone comes back later with questions.

2) Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for the protection of the new cultural site:

Forest Service has started the process of consultation with the consultant that completed the cultural site survey and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Joe Helfrich and I also had a separate discussion with Bob Leonard after the meeting on the progress of the cultural site mitigation plan.

Thanks,
Mike

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